



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Welcome Message by the Club President



Pres. Eric Krystall

Thank you, my fellow Rotarians, for electing me as president in this monumental year. We will celebrate the 100 years of service of Rotary and the 75th year of the charter of the Rotary Club of Nairobi, the first Rotary club between the southern club of Johannesburg and the northern club of Cairo on 8th September this year. We will carry on a noble tradition, emulating and building on the achievements of our predecessors. We must live up to the Mission Statement formulated by our members for 2005/6: **"To implement high impact service projects in education, in health, with youth and elsewhere, while members enjoy each other's fellowship"**.

This year I would want to see increased attendance at our weekly meetings, not as a duty but because we look forward to the programme and the informative and exciting speakers and to each other's company. We must all make every effort to participate in committee meetings and Rotary events because as Rotarians we care about service to the community and seek to meet its most pressing needs.

This is our club. May we all join together in this and future years to ensure it remains the premier club in the district and beyond.

[www.rotary9200.org](http://www.rotary9200.org) celebrates 1st 'birthday'!

District webmaster Rtn. Christian invites all clubs in the district to participate

Did you know that our District 9200 had a website? Indeed, we have—and this month, it'll be one year old!

And already now the number of visitors has reached an impressive 22000 'hits' in June and 17000 for July!

Our website features all sorts of interesting news and current events from the district, the district committees and Rotary International. There are also (searchable) lists of all district officers and district appointments, conveniently with telephone contacts and links to their emails as well as an ever growing library of downloadable Rotary material (training and administration).



Click on the image to open the website

A section of the website is dedicated to DG Abdulhamid Aboo's vision for the district, the district events calendar, as well as his club-visiting schedule.

Of course, another large (and also rapidly growing) section of the website has been dedicated to the club directory. It features general information about each and every club in the district, together with updated contact details. Soon—as soon as the database application is ready— all clubs will be invited to send in their club histories, update club details, events and projects for inclusion on the website. So, be prepared!

Many thanks go to PDG Mohamed for his support in launching and to DG Abdulhamid in expanding the website to what is aspired to be 'the most comprehensive Rotary resource in Sub-Saharan Africa'.

There is so much more information available on the District website—why not log on today to see for yourself: [www.rotary9200.org](http://www.rotary9200.org).

For any comments or questions, please [contact the webmaster, Rtn. Christian](mailto:contact@rotary9200.org).

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### For your diary:

Thursday, July 14, 2005, 12.30pm:

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Speaker:** Eric will speak this week outlining our plans for the year. There will also be a cheque presentation for the Enterprise Award scheme.

Thursday, July 21, 2005, 12.30pm:

Club Meeting at Grand Regency

**Speaker:** (Dino) Joseph Martins Visitacao on *Biodiversity - the earth's greatest riches - past, present and future? Why it really matters to us.*

This talk will present and explain some of the fantastic diversity of life that we have on the planet earth, and especially in Kenya. Why are all these different species important and what do extinctions mean for the us know and in the future?

### ROTARY CLUB OF NAIROBI

Founded Sep 11, 1930

#### Our Vision:

To remain the leading Rotary Club in Kenya and beyond, where dynamic members enjoy bringing great benefit to their community

#### Our Mission:

To implement high impact service projects in education, in health, with youth and elsewhere, while members enjoy each others' fellowship

#### Board 2005/06:

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## Club Committees for Rotary year 2005/06

Your club committees have been set up and are already tirelessly working to make this club year another success. Could the chair persons of all committees please keep the editor informed about all developments and also about changes to this list:

<b>Club Service</b>	<p><b>Atia Yahya, Chair</b></p> <p>Diamond Lalji, Vice-Chair and Membership</p> <p>Praful Lakhani, Omni Nagpal, Stella Burtel, Attendance Officer, Jitu Brahmabatt, Fellowship Chair, Basdev Gautama, Michael Klass, Marion Lugonzo, Barbara Magoha, Simeon Macharia, Ghulam Hussein, Sgt.-at-Arms, Hari Nathwani, David Hutchison, Francis Njiri</p>
<b>Community Service</b>	<p><b>Rose Simba, Chair</b></p> <p>Mohamed Rahemtullah, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Salim Fazal, Eye Camps, James Mwangi, Rita Gori, Sylvia Mwichuli, Rhoda Orengo, Charles Rogers, Alain Morel, Shakeel Ahmed, Fawad Abdullah, Jerry Owour, Gopinath Bhatt, Jessica Kazina, Yusuf Kodwawwallah, Chani Lall, Samuel Mwaura, Sonal Sejpal, Klarissa Wills-Lang</p>
<b>International Service</b>	<p><b>Arthur Mattli, Chair</b></p> <p>Barbara Steenstrup, Vice-Chair</p> <p>John Kochellah, Mari Nelson, Wilfried Strothmann, Juergen Ender, David Githanga, Mohamed Abdullah, Dinesh kapila, Mike Burton, Stephen Kionga-Kamau, Anantha Krishnan, Valter Donati, Marilu Cahusac, Manu Chandaria</p>
<b>Vocational Service</b>	<p><b>Jonathan Campaigne, Chair</b></p> <p>Melanie Richards, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Elizabeth Maloba, Lucy Gitonga (Literacy and Education), Nazir Jadavji, Nani Croze, Evelyn Mungai, Steve Mwenesi (New Generations), Moyez Alibhai, Sally Gitoho, Dunera Ilako, Darsi Lotay, Flavian Mwangi, Dudley Stannah, Neil Mc Dougall</p>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<p><b>Atul Shah, Chair</b></p> <p>Fred Beernaerts, Olivier Vetter, Ashok Shah, Anna Ramamomjariisoa, Roland Ramamomjariisoa, Hanington Awori, Joseph Wanjui, Arun Devani, Yusuf Keshavjee, Zaf Khan, Gavin Mcewen, Suli Shah</p>
<b>Communications</b>	<p><b>Christian Knochenhauer, Chair</b></p> <p>Kauli Mwembe (Publicity), John Savage (History &amp; Directory), Koome Mwambia (Directory), Arthur Mattli, Mike Eldon, Marcel Werner</p>

## and finally...

### Computer Gender

A college English professor was explaining to his students the concept of gender association in the English language. He stated how hurricanes at one time were given feminine names and how ships and planes were usually referred to as "she". One of the students raised their hand and asked "What "gender" is a computer"?

The professor wasn't certain which it was, so he divided the class into two groups, males in one, females in the other, and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendation. The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to in the masculine gender because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, decided that computers should definitely be referred to in the feminine gender because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

Do you have a joke that you absolutely have to share with us? [Click here to send it to the editor.](#)

